



# ***Pinal County Corridors Definition Study***

## **Open House Information Sheet**

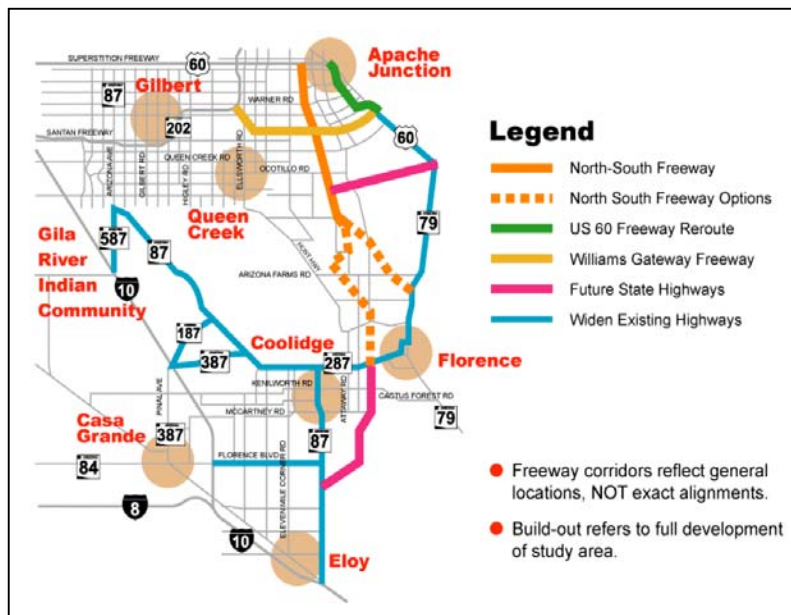
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In September 2004, the **Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)** Transportation Planning Division initiated three corridor definition studies to determine the need for and feasibility of developing major transportation corridors in Pinal County:

- US 60 Corridor Definition Study;
- Williams Gateway Corridor Definition Study;
- Pinal County Corridors Definition Study.

After determining need and feasibility, the studies identified a general location for potential new high-capacity roadways within the study area. The exact location and design of the roadways would be established by future studies.

In February 2006, the State Transportation Board approved the recommendations of the three corridor definition studies. The recommendations include a North-South Freeway, with two options in the Florence and Coolidge area. These options are illustrated by the two orange dashed lines in **Figure 1**. In March 2006, ADOT began a study to evaluate each of the options and to recommend a preferred general location for corridor. The purpose of this open house is to present the preliminary recommendations of this study.



**Figure 1 - Recommendations Approved by the Arizona State Transportation Board on February 17, 2006**

The study evaluated each of the two corridor options considering the perspectives of the jurisdictions, citizens, and other stakeholders; future traffic forecasts; land-use compatibility; and engineering, social, and environmental issues. As part of the study, interviews were conducted with elected officials and representatives from the following agencies, jurisdictions, and organizations:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ Arizona State Land Department | ■ Salt River Project (SRP)       |
| ■ City of Coolidge              | ■ Pinal County                   |
| ■ Town of Florence              | ■ Property owner representatives |

The results of the evaluation and the recommended general location for the North-South corridor are shown on the back of this page.

### **Next Steps**

- Present the recommended general location for the North-South corridor to the Arizona State Transportation Board in Fall 2006.
- Carry out the preliminary design of the North-South Corridor:
  - Project Management: ADOT Pre-Design Group.
  - Schedule: Begin by Summer 2007; the study will take two to five years to complete.
  - Approach: Investigate a range of possible locations plus a no-build option.
  - Result: Determine the alignment, the exact location of the needed right-of-way.
  - Document the study process and recommendations in the Location/Design Concept Report and Environmental Analysis.
- Funding is not identified for the purchase of right-of-way or for construction.

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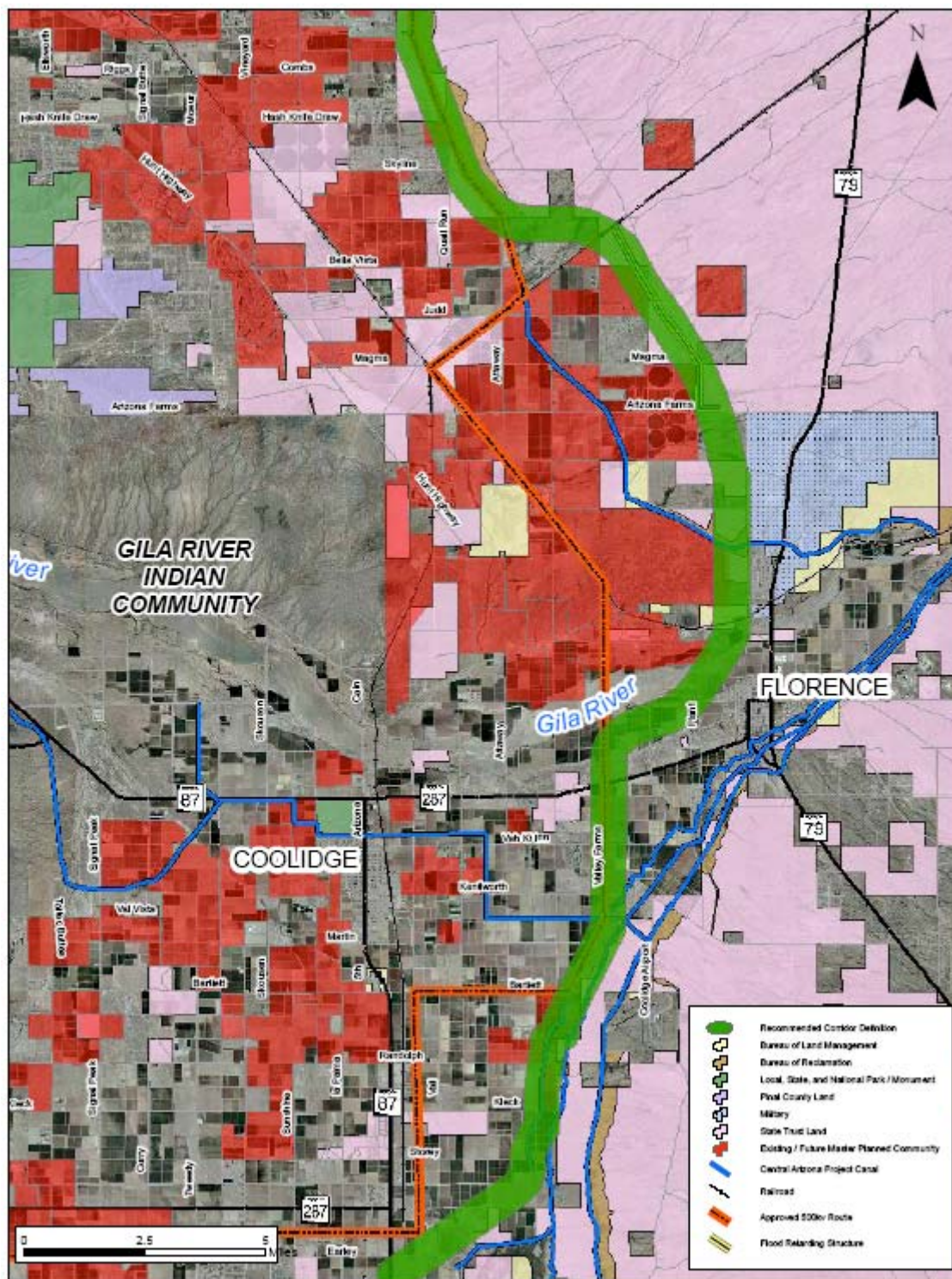


Figure 2 – Recommended General Location for the North-South Corridor in the Florence and Coolidge Area